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SUBJECT: CIVAIR- PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS AND FLYING TIGER
FREIGHTER SERVICE

REF: (A) STATE 80928 NOTAL

(B) MANILA 1698 NOTAL

1. EMBASSY APPROACHES TO PHILIPPINE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BORAD TO OBTAIN APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL CARGO FREQUENCIES FOR PAN AM AIRWAYS (REF A) AND FLYING TIGER (REF B) TO CARRY U. S. MILITARY MAIL AND OFFICIAL CARGO HAVE THUS FAR BEEN UNAVAILING. CAB OFFICIALS INSIST ON LINKING THESE APPLICATIONS TO " FREEZE" ON TRAFFIC RIGHTS PENDING FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS RE U- RP AIR NEGOTIATIONS (STATE 16209) AND HAVE TAKEN RIGID POSITION AGAINST ANY CHANGE IN STATUS QUO. CAB EXEC DIR AGCAOILI ALSO HAS AGAIN RAISED QUESTION OF GRANTING PHILIPPINE AIR LINES TRAFFIC RIGHTS AT GUAM IN CONNECTION WITH FT APPLICATION, TO WHICH EMBOFF HAS REITERATED USG POSITION ON THIS ISSUE.

2. AGCAOILI VOLUNTEERED COMMENT THAT THERE WOULD BE NO OBJEC-
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TION TO INCREASING PANAM AND FT SERVICE TO CLARK AIR BASE IN ORDER EXPEDITED MOVEMENT OF MILITARY MAIL AND CARGO. (THIS REFLECTED POSITION TAKEN BY PAL IN FORMAL LETTER TO PHILCAB MAY 2 STATING: "... IF IT IS TRUE THAT THE ADDITIONAL FLIGHTS REQUESTED WOULD BE LIMITED TO U. S. MILITARY CARGO AND MAIL ONLY, THERE IS NO REASON WHY SUCH FLIGHTS SHOULD LAND AT MANILA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND NOT AT THE U. S. BASE IN THE PHILIPPINES WHERE THERE ARE ADEQUATE LANDING FIELDS.")

3. EMBOFF NOTED DISADVANTAGES TO USE OF CLARK AND AGAIN MADE STRONG APPEAL FOR APPROVAL OF PENDING APPLICATIONS BASED ON USG INTEREST SET FORTH IN EMBASSY NOTE OF FEBRUARY 13 (REF B). AGCAOILI RESPONDING BY SUGGESTING EMBASSY SEND A FOLLOW- UP NOTE.

4. BELOW IS DRAFT OF NOTE EMBASSY PROPOSES SEND TO DFA. REQUEST COMMENTS, CHANGES OR ADDITIONS DEPARTMENT, OR OTHER ACTION ADDRESSEES MAY WITH PROPOSE. ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO ARGUMENTATION RE USE OF U. S. MILITARY BASES. MILITARY ADDRESSEES MAY WISH COMMENT ON WHETHER GREATER USE OF BASES COULD IN FACT BE MADE TO MOVE MAIL AND CARGO. IN ADDITION, THERE IS POSSIBILITY THAT DISCUSSION OF BASES IN PROPOSED NOTE MIGHT INVITE CRITICAL EXAMINATION BY GOP OF CURRENT USE OF BASES BY US CIVILIAN CARRIERS.

5. FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED TEXT OF NOTE:

QUOTE: A. EMBASSY PRESENTS COMPLIMENTS TO DFA... AND HAS HONOR REFER TO THE EMBASSY' S NOTE NO. 114 OF FEBRUARY 13, 1973, CONCERNING THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL AIR CARGO SERVICE BY UNITED STATES CARRIERS TO EXPEDITE MOVEMENT OF UNITED STATES MILITARY MAIL AND OFFICIAL CARGO.

B. DURING THE THREE MONTHS SINCE THE EMBASSY' S NOTE WAS TRANSMITTED, BOTH THE FLYING TIGER LINE AND PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS HAVE REPEATEDLY SOUGHT APPROVAL BY THE PHILIPPINE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD OF THEIR APPLICATIONS TO INTRODUCE ADDITIONAL AIR CARGO FREQUENCIES LIMITED TO UNITED STATES MILITARY MAIL AND OFFICIAL CARGO. THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT APPROVAL HAS NOT BEEN GRANTED AND THAT ACTION ON THE APPLICATIONS HAS BEEN DEFERRED INDEFINITELY BY THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD.

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C. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF INCREASED CARGO SERVICE BY THE TWO CARRIERS TO CLARK AIR FORCE BASE HAS BEEN SUGGESTED BY THE PHILIPPINE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD AS A MEANS TO EXPEDITE MOVEMENT OF UNITED STATES MILITARY MAIL AND OFFICIAL CARGO. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CARRIERS HAVE POINTED OUT, HOW-

EVER, THAT THE PATTERN OF MILITARY MAIL AND CARGO MOVEMENT WOULD MAKE THIS INCONVENIENT, THAT PROVISION FOR OVERNIGHT REST AND REPLACEMENT OF CREW MEMBERS AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR HANDLING THE AIRCRAFT CAN MORE READILY BE MADE AT MANILA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT THAN AT CLARK AIR BASE, AND THAT REGULAR FEES AND OTHER CHARGES FOR USE OF FACILITIES AT MANILA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CAN BE COLLECTED BY THE AIRPORT AUTHORITIES FOR THE PROPOSED FLIGHTS.

D. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS INSTRUCTED THE EMBASSY TO ASSIST THE UNITED STATES CARRIERS IN OBTAINING APPROVAL OF THEIR PENDING APPLICATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL MILITARY MAIL AND CARGO SERVICE. THE DEPARTMENT POINTS OUT THAT HAULAGE OF SUCH CARGO IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR FOREIGN CARRIERS. THUS, THE POSITIONS OF OTHER CARRIERS WHICH ARE NORMALLY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BY THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD, AS WELL AS CONSIDERATIONS RELATING TO POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE PHILIPPINES, DO NOT APPLY TO THESE PENDING APPLICATIONS.

E. THE EMBASSY SOLICITS THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN OBTAINING PROMPT APPROVAL BY THE PHILIPPINE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD OF THE PENDING APPLICATIONS BY THE FLYING TIGER LINE AND PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS.

THE EMBASSY AVAILS ITSELF... ETC. END QUOTE
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